

Timber Sale Handbook

CHAPTER 10

GENERAL

State/County Timber sales on public properties are conducted, utilizing silvicultural methods, to accomplish society's management objectives

Timber sales on Department-owned and County Forest land should be conducted in accordance with the management plan for the property involved and consistent with management objectives for that property. Department timber management, silvicultural practices, best management practices for water quality and aesthetics management guides should be applied.

A high level of accuracy and integrity is required of those involved in timber sale activities. Cruise estimates and marked timber volume estimates should attain the necessary level of accuracy. Calculations and transcribing of data should be checked by another Department employee so as to minimize errors.

Timber sales often involve large sums of public money as well as the ethics of good forest management. Those who are delegated authority to establish, conduct and approve timber sales have a legal and moral responsibility to the public to obtain maximum financial return from forest land and to establish the best forest practices possible. See section [NR 1.24](#), Wis. Adm. Code, Management of State and County Forests, for Natural Resources Board policy relating to timber sales.

The guidelines contained within this Handbook have been developed out of many years of experience and should be used unless sound judgment by the party responsible for the sale determines otherwise. In such cases, the file should contain justification for that course of action.